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FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV AND POMPIDOU REPLIES TO TITO MESSAGES

ON MIDDLE EAST

1. TANJUG RELEASE NOTES THAT TITO RECEIVED SOVIET AMBASSADOR STEPANOV APRIL 11 AT FORMER'S HUNTING LODGE IN KARADJORDJEVO (VOJVODINA). PURPOSE OF STEPANOV VISIT WAS TO HAND OVER BREZHNEV'S REPLY TO " MESSAGE OF JANUARY THIS YEAR". SUBJECT MATTER WAS NOT REVEALED.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR SEBILLEAU HAD DELIVERED APRIL 6 IN BELGRADE POMPIDOU'S ANSWER TO TITO MESSAGE OF JAN. 30, ACCORDING LAST WEEK'S PRESS. EMBASSY INFORMED THAT TITO-POMPIDOU EXCHANGE DEALT WITH MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

3. SAFE TO ASSUME TITO-BREZHNEV EXCHANGE DEALT WITH SAME SUBJECT. IN HIS VJESNIK INTERVIEW IN FEBRUARY (BELGRADE 0795 NOTAL) TITO REFERRED TO MESSAGES HE SENT TO " HEADS OF CERTAIN STATES" AFTER HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT ON BRONI IN JANUARY.

TITO GAVE AS REASON FOR MESSAGES FACT THAT STALEMATE SITUATION
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(CONTINUED ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES) COULD LEAD TO "UNDESIRABLE CONSEQUENCES".

4. AT PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 12 FOREIGN SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN REFUSED TO CONFIRM THAT TITO HAD RECEIVED MESSAGES ON MIDDLE EAST; WOULD ONLY SAY MESSAGES DEALTH WITH INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. WHEN ASKED WHETHER ANY REPLIES STILL OUTSTANDING, SPOKESMAN SAID, "VERY LIKELY, BUT I CANNOT BE EXPLICIT AT THIS TIME."

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